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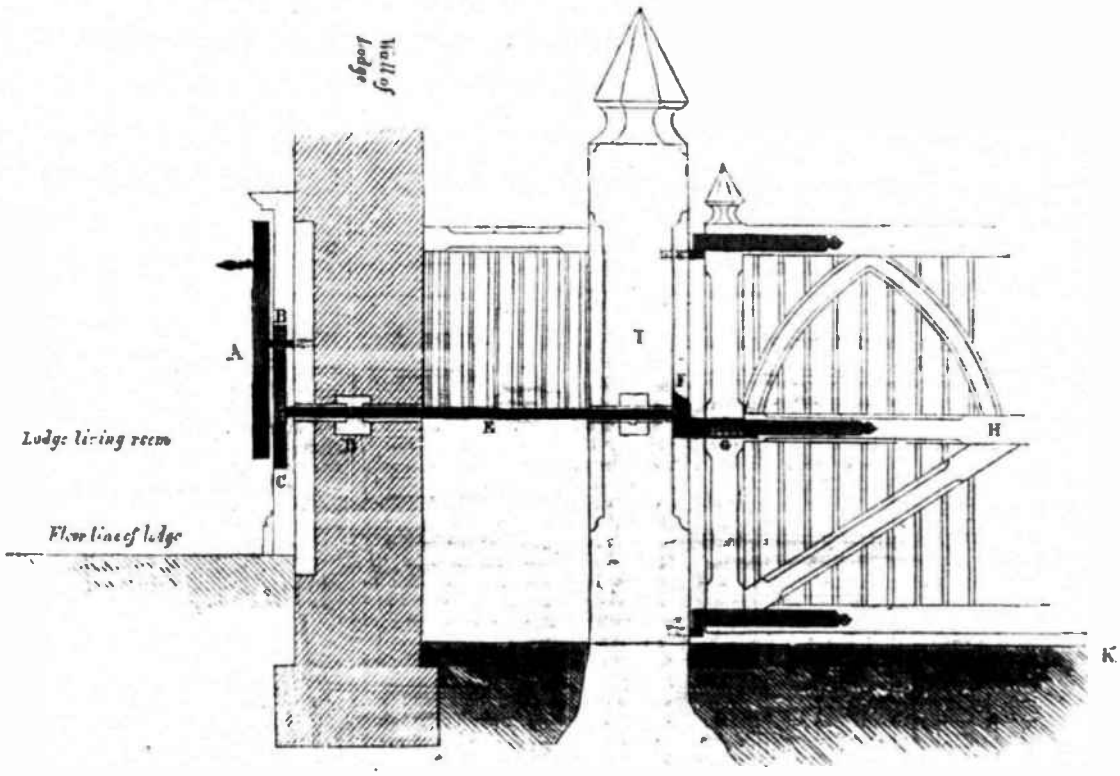

MODE OF OPENING CARRIAGE-GATES FROM THE INSIDE OF LODGE.

SIR,—Some time ago I addressed a letter to you, asking information respecting the best method of opening an entrance or carriage-gate from the inside of a lodge. Not seeing any plan suggested, I venture to send you one I have thought of, and intend adopting. On referring to the plan you will perceive, whichever way the fly-wheel, A, is turned, all the cog-wheels are set in motion, and the gate would open either to the right or left, as the case may be. Of course, stops would be fixed to prevent it swinging back too far. The latch being a simple affair, I have not shewn it in the drawing.—I am, Sir, &c.. H. S.

Reference.

A Fly-wheel.
B Small cog-wheel.
C Larger ditto.
D Cushions for shaft. E Shaft
F Small bevilled cog-wheel.
G Larger ditto, fixed to the gate.
H Gate, about 9 feet 6 inches wide.
I Gate-post.
K Line of carriage road.

ARCHITECTS' BENEVOLENT FUND.

THE following memorial has been forwarded to the council of the Royal Institute of British Architects:—

"We, the undersigned architects, feeling the propriety and necessity of establishing a benevolent fund, to alleviate the wants of the less fortunate members of the profession, desire to suggest to the Royal Institute of British Architects the formation of such a fund. The very slender means afforded by existing institutions, which, upon careful inquiry, prove to be inadequate to the numbers seeking relief, certainly render it imperative that the architects of England, forming, as they do, so numerous a body, should possess a benevolent fund of their own, and that the Royal Institute of British Architects, from the high position it occupies, should secure this advantage to the profession. It is therefore that we solicit the attention of the Institute to so desirable and worthy an object, in the hope and expectation that the council will take such steps as they may deem necessary to establish the fund."

It was signed by thirty-four architects.

PROPOSED WINDOW AT ST. MARY'S OXFORD.

THE dispute which has arisen between the Vicar of St. Mary's and his parishioners, respecting the right to put up a memorial window seems now in a fair way of being settled. The vicar's opinion was, that the right to sanction the erection of the window rested in him, with the consent of the churchwardens, without reference to the parishioners. The parishioners disputed this, relying on the following opinion of a legal authority:—"As churchwardens may not deface, demolish, or *remove* any thing already existing in the fabric, or utensils of the church, so neither can they add any thing new thereto without the express *consent of the parishioners*, and (if it affects the interior of the church) of the ordinary; for as we have before seen, he is the sole judge of what is fit and decent to be put up in the church; and, if the churchwarden should add any thing without the consent of such parties, it might be taken down, and removed at the pleasure of the ordinary, and the charges for the same be disallowed by the parishioners."

The vicar has now addressed a letter to the *Oxford Herald*, giving the result of an application to his bishop, and as it is a question which might often arise, we think it useful to quote the bishop's statement. It is to the effect, "that *none* of them—Incumbent, Churchwardens, or Parishioners, in vestry or otherwise—have the *legal* right alleged; but in strictness a Faculty only can give power desired, of making an alteration in a Church: that nevertheless, the application for a Faculty may often be omitted, to save expense: and that in this case, it is a very fitting course for a clergyman to consult his Vestry; not that his doing so invests either him or them with new powers, and beyond those which they by law possess, but as an act of friendly confidence, by which it may be ascertained whether a Faculty need or need not be applied for."

His lordship adds—"in your present case, you may either submit the designs to me for my approval, and to the parish for theirs, either collectively in vestry, or in any other way,——or you may apply to my Court for a Faculty."

Accordingly, the vicar proposes to submit the designs to the parishioners "in vestry," forthwith.

THE NEW CARLTON CLUB-HOUSE.

ON the other side we give a view of the new building now rising in Pall Mall, for the use of the Carlton Club, and which will materially increase the magnificence of this *rendezvous* of fine structures.

It will be remembered by our readers in 1845, that after a competition of designs, the result of which did not meet the views of the committee, the election of an architect was decided by vote for individuals, each member being left at liberty to place in the balloting-box the name of the architect he preferred.

The majority of votes proved to be for Mr. Sydney Smirke and Mr. C. Basevi, who were then engaged together on the Conservative Club-house, and who had made it known among their friends that they desired to be voted for jointly.

The club, however, postponed deciding upon taking any active course in respect to their new building for some time, and in the meanwhile Mr. Basevi met with his untimely death: this was in October, 1845. It was not until the summer of 1846 that the club decided on building. The committee, being left to take such course as they thought proper in respect to the architect, decided on retaining Mr. Smirke, notwithstanding the death of his friend; and under his direction, therefore, the building is being erected.

Tenders were obtained from six builders in September last; Mr. Grissell's was the lowest, and was adopted. It amounted to 19,000*l.* for the new wing only, which the contractor is bound to complete next October.

The fronts are of Caen stone, the shafts of all the pillars and pilasters are of polished Aberdeen granite, the red tint of which will have a good effect. The new wing now in progress consists, on the ground floor, of a spacious coffee room 90 feet by 36 feet. Beneath it are two floors of offices. Above it on the first floor are a house dinner-room 29 feet by 28 feet, with waiters'-room adjoining; and a billiard-room 36 feet by 26 feet, with a room for members to wash in. On an upper floor is another billiard-room in connection with the future smoking-room, and some apartments for servants.

We are informed that the interior arrangement of the rest of the intended new building,

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